



Installation Management Command Europe Regional Director Russell B. Hall presents Guy Monnier with a certificate recognizing his 40 years of work “providing strength and stability for the NATO Alliance and the U.S. Government” during a 40th Partnership Celebration on March 28 at the City Hall (Hotel De Ville) in Ath, Belgium. The celebration, hosted by Ath Mayor Bruno Van Grootenbrulle and U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, recognized host nation employees, civic emergency services, community organizations and partners across the Benelux’s three-country footprint who have supported NATO operations for the past four decades. Monnier, an electrician foreman for U.S. Army Garrison Benelux’s Directorate of Public Works, was one of nine USAG Benelux employees honored. Reflecting on his earliest days joining U.S. troops working on Chièvres Air Base, he said, “I remember this American sergeant who handed me a huge wire-cutter. At first I didn’t know what he wanted me to do, but then he explained, he wanted me to cut the ground wire in the electrical outlet so he could plug in his coffee pot.”

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